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Committee Bill No. 5065

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS OF AMBULANCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (o) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (o) No registration fee or operator's license fee shall be charged in
5 respect to any motor vehicle owned by a municipality, as defined in
6 section 7-245, any other governmental agency or a military agency and
7 used exclusively for the conduct of official business. No registration fee
8 shall be charged for any motor vehicle owned by or leased to a transit
9 district and used exclusively to provide public transportation. No fee
10 shall be charged for the registration of ambulances owned by hospitals
11 or any nonprofit civic organization approved by the commissioner. [,
12 but a fee of twenty dollars shall be charged for the inspection of any
13 such ambulance.] No fee shall be charged for the registration of fire
14 department apparatus as provided by section 14-19. No registration fee
15 shall be charged to a disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254,
16 residing in this state for the registration of three passenger, camper or
17 passenger and commercial motor vehicles leased or owned by such

18 veteran in any registration year, provided such vehicles shall not be
19 used for hire. No registration fee shall be charged for any motor
20 vehicle leased to an agency of this state on or after June 4, 1982.

21 Sec. 2. Section 19a-181 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

23 (a) Each ambulance or rescue vehicle used by an ambulance or
24 rescue service shall be registered with the Department of Motor
25 Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, [. Said] but shall not be subject to
26 inspection by said department. The Department of Motor Vehicles
27 shall not issue a certificate of registration for any such ambulance or
28 rescue vehicle unless the applicant for such certificate of registration
29 presents to said department a safety certificate from the Commissioner
30 of Public Health certifying that said ambulance or rescue vehicle has
31 been inspected and has met the minimum standards prescribed by the
32 commissioner. Each vehicle so registered with the Department of
33 Motor Vehicles shall be inspected once every two years thereafter by
34 the Commissioner of Public Health on or before the anniversary date
35 of the issuance of the certificate of registration. Each inspector, upon
36 determining that such ambulance or rescue vehicle meets the
37 standards of safety and equipment prescribed by the Commissioner of
38 Public Health, shall affix a safety certificate to such vehicle in such
39 manner and form as the commissioner designates, and such sticker
40 shall be so placed as to be readily visible to any person in the rear
41 compartment of such vehicle.

42 (b) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend or revoke the
43 certificate of registration of any vehicle inspected under the provisions
44 of this section upon certification from the Commissioner of Public
45 Health that such ambulance or rescue vehicle has failed to meet the
46 minimum standards prescribed by said commissioner.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	14-49(o)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	19a-181

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate duplicate inspections of ambulances by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Health.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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